

**SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF DUBLIN CENTRAL LABOUR PARTY TO ELECTORAL
BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Dublin Central Labour Party wish to make the following observations in respect of the forthcoming revision of the electoral boundaries:

The national ratio of Councillors per population is 4,802 yet in Dublin the ratio is 9,735. Clearly Dublin City Council is significantly under-represented vis a vis the rest of the country. Moreover there are significant variances in population per councillor in Dublin City.

The terms of reference of the electoral boundary commission state that Dail Constituency boundaries should be respected. There are currently two five seat Electoral Wards in the Central Area for the local elections. The two electoral wards equates with the Dail constituency of Dublin Central.

Given the terms of reference to stay within Dail boundaries and using the Dublin average population per councillor of 9,735 the Labour Party in Dublin Central would favour the following option:

Increase the number of seats in the North Inner City to six and keep Cabra Glasnevin as a five seater.

A six seat constituency would require a population of 58,409 (using the Dublin average above). The North Inner City currently has a population 60,056, which is still slightly over the average. Therefore there is certainly justification for a six seat Electoral Area for the North Inner City.

A five seat constituency would require a population of 48,674 Cabra Glasnevin Ward has a population of 44,618 which is just under the average.

Moreover, the population of the Central Area is growing fast, specifically with the new developments in Pelletstown and the Docklands combined with other regeneration projects such as O'Devaney Gardens, Infirmary Road, Dominick Street and the North Inner City.

None of these developments were taken into account in the 2006 census. Indeed it is likely that with the completion of much new development in Pelletstown, the population already exceeds the average. Therefore we believe that there is sufficient population for the six seat and five seat Electoral Areas for the North Inner City and Cabra respectively.

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